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August 2020 Labor Market Review

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Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for August 2020, Released October 2020

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in August in 41 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 7 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. All 50 states and the District had jobless rate increases from a year earlier. The national unemployment rate fell by 1.8 percentage points over the month to 8.4 percent but was 4.7 points higher than in August 2019.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 40 states and was essentially unchanged in 10 states and the District of Columbia in August 2020. Over the year, nonfarm payroll employment decreased in 49 states and the District and was essentially unchanged in 1 state.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 1

Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski and Starke Counties

August 2020 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19
U.S.	160,966,000	147,224,000	13,742,000	8.5%	10.5%	3.8%
IN	3,364,666	3,147,142	217,524	6.5%	8.0%	3.4%
Gary Metro Div	339,640	310,436	29,204	8.6%	10.7%	4.3%
MichCity-LaPorte MSA	47,971	43,915	4,056	8.5%	10.6%	4.0%
EGR 1	403,951	369,686	34,265	8.5%	10.6%	4.3%
Lake Co.	231,038	209,369	21,669	9.4%	11.4%	4.6%
Porter Co.	86,053	79,855	6,198	7.2%	9.5%	3.7%
LaPorte Co.	47,971	43,915	4,056	8.5%	10.6%	4.0%
Newton Co.	6,749	6,355	394	5.8%	7.1%	3.9%
Jasper Co.	15,800	14,857	943	6.0%	7.5%	3.4%
Starke Co.	9,865	9,207	658	6.7%	9.0%	4.2%
Pulaski Co.	6,475	6,128	347	5.4%	6.6%	3.0%
East Chicago	10,147	8,829	1,318	13.0%	15.5%	6.4%
Hammond	34,364	31,033	3,331	9.7%	11.6%	5.1%
Munster	11,542	10,811	731	6.3%	7.7%	3.5%
Dyer	8,623	8,126	497	5.8%	7.6%	3.3%
Schererville	15,900	14,803	1,097	6.9%	8.7%	3.5%
Crown Point	15,429	14,268	1,161	7.5%	9.7%	2.8%
Griffith	8,759	8,039	720	8.2%	10.2%	4.2%
Highland	12,334	11,424	910	7.4%	9.4%	3.7%
Gary	28,158	23,701	4,457	15.8%	18.0%	7.5%
Merrillville	17,305	15,372	1,933	11.2%	13.4%	5.1%
Hobart	14,899	13,436	1,463	9.8%	12.7%	5.1%
Lake Station	5,011	4,369	642	12.8%	15.7%	5.3%
Portage	18,155	16,457	1,698	9.4%	11.8%	4.4%
Chesterton	6,975	6,460	515	7.4%	9.5%	3.8%
Valparaiso	16,627	15,484	1,143	6.9%	9.0%	3.4%
Michigan City	13,166	11,593	1,573	11.9%	14.3%	4.7%
LaPorte	9,563	8,787	776	8.1%	10.5%	3.9%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:09/20 | Notes: The data displayed are presented as estimates only. The most recent month's data are always preliminary and are revised when the next month's data are released.

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): August 2020

U.S. - 8.4%

Illinois - 11%

Indiana - 6.4%

Kentucky - 7.6%

Michigan - 8.7%

Ohio - 8.9%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): August 2020

#1 - Lake (9.4%)

#2 - LaPorte (8.5%)

#8 - Porter (7.2%)

#16 - Starke (6.7%)

#27 - Jasper (6%)

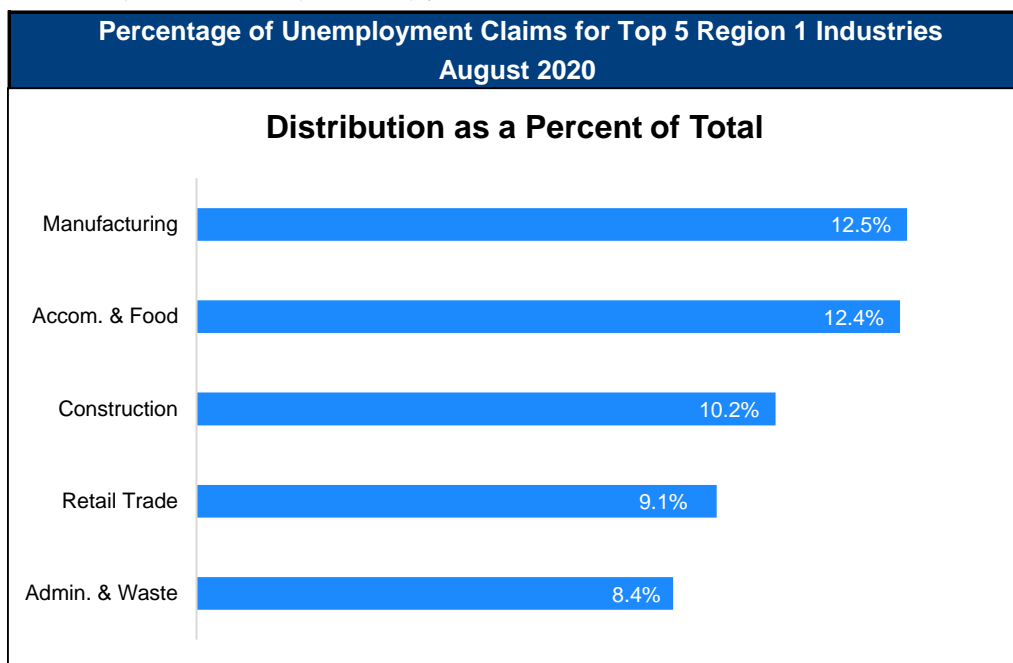
#38 - Newton (5.8%)

#53 - Pulaski (5.4%)

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Statewide Average Weekly Hours & Earnings by Industry for August 2020			
Industry	Avg. Earnings per hr	Avg. # of hours worked per week	Avg. Earnings per week
Construction	\$27.39	39.3	\$1,076.43
Manufacturing	\$20.69	41.8	\$864.84
Durable Goods	\$22.11	42.7	\$944.10
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	\$19.40	39.6	\$768.24
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	\$23.03	41.4	\$953.44
Non-Durable Goods	\$17.18	39.6	\$680.33
Retail Trade	\$16.33	30.2	\$493.17
Financial Activities	\$26.19	35.4	\$927.13
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$23.97	33.8	\$810.19
Accommodation and Food Services	\$12.38	23.9	\$295.88
Food Services and Drinking Places	\$12.13	23.4	\$283.84

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 1 for August 2020				
Company	City	County	# affected	Notice Date
HMS Host	Rolling Prairie	LaPorte	3	8/11/2020

Significant WARN Notices for nearby locations			
Company	City	County	# Affected
10 different companies/permanent layoffs	Chicago, IL	Cook	1,077

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, WARN Notices | For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet: <https://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

Unemployment Claims: August 2020

Region 1

Initial Claims

08/01/20 - 1,849
08/08/20 - 1,425
08/15/20 - 1,843
08/22/20 - 1,924
08/29/20 - 2,151

Continued Claims

08/01/20 - 20,294
08/08/20 - 18,798
08/15/20 - 17,778
08/22/20 - 17,052
08/29/20 - 16,337

Total Claims

08/01/20 - 22,143
08/08/20 - 20,223
08/15/20 - 19,621
08/22/20 - 18,976
08/29/20 - 18,488

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

08/01/20 - 12,551
08/08/20 - 10,624
08/15/20 - 10,569
08/22/20 - 10,597
08/29/20 - 10,779

Continued Claims

08/01/20 - 199,336
08/08/20 - 183,083
08/15/20 - 170,341
08/22/20 - 164,569
08/29/20 - 158,742

Total Claims

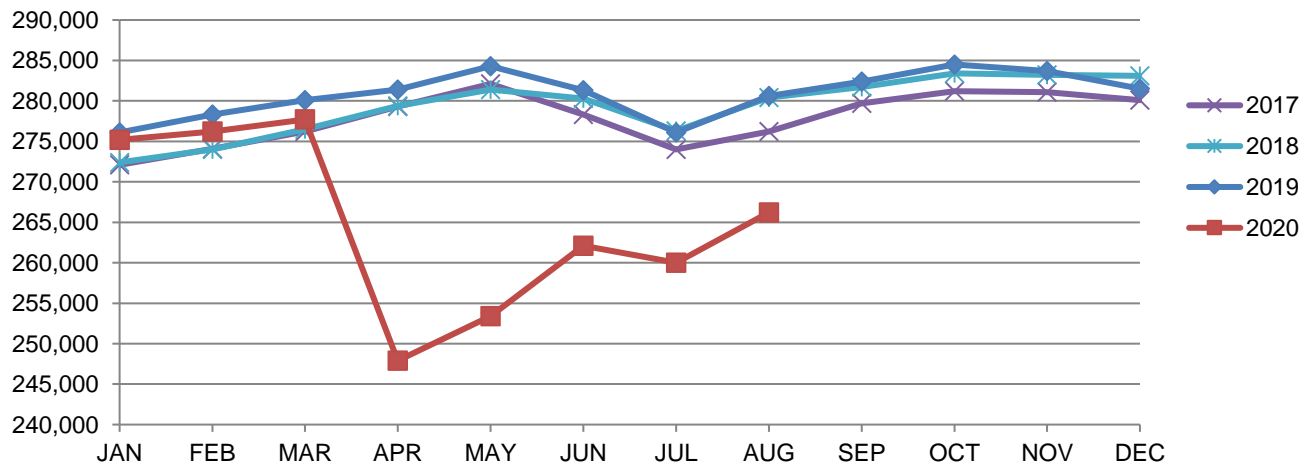
08/01/20 - 211,887
08/08/20 - 193,707
08/15/20 - 180,910
08/22/20 - 175,166
08/29/20 - 169,521

(D) Indicates one or more counties are excluded due to non-disclosure issues | Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Gary Metropolitan Division							
Wage and Salaried Employment	August 2020			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19	Jul-20 to Aug-20		Aug-19 to Aug-20	
Total Nonfarm	266,200	260,000	280,600	6,200	2.4%	-14,400	-5.1%
Total Private	235,800	232,800	248,200	3,000	1.3%	-12,400	-5.0%
Goods Producing	51,200	50,800	54,200	400	0.8%	-3,000	-5.5%
Service Providing	215,000	209,200	226,400	5,800	2.8%	-11,400	-5.0%
Private Service Providing	184,600	182,000	194,000	2,600	1.4%	-9,400	-4.9%
Mining and Logging	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	17,300	16,700	18,300	600	3.6%	-1,000	-5.5%
Construction	17,100	16,500	18,100	600	3.6%	-1,000	-5.5%
Manufacturing	33,900	34,100	35,900	-200	-0.6%	-2,000	-5.6%
Durable Goods	26,000	25,900	27,500	100	0.4%	-1,500	-5.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	56,100	55,600	58,300	500	0.9%	-2,200	-3.8%
Wholesale Trade	9,100	9,100	9,300	0	0.0%	-200	-2.2%
Retail Trade	30,800	30,500	33,000	300	1.0%	-2,200	-6.7%
General Merchandise Stores	7,100	6,800	6,900	300	4.4%	200	2.9%
Other Gen Merch Stores	4,800	4,600	4,600	200	4.4%	200	4.4%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	16,200	16,000	16,000	200	1.3%	200	1.3%
Information	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	8,700	8,700	9,000	0	0.0%	-300	-3.3%
Professional and Business Services	24,200	23,400	25,600	800	3.4%	-1,400	-5.5%
Employment Services	3,700	3,400	4,300	300	8.8%	-600	-14.0%
Education and Health Services	47,500	46,300	49,800	1,200	2.6%	-2,300	-4.6%
Educational Services	5,800	5,400	5,400	400	7.4%	400	7.4%
Health Care and Social Assistance	41,700	40,900	44,400	800	2.0%	-2,700	-6.1%
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	13,400	13,500	13,800	-100	-0.7%	-400	-2.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	32,300	32,200	34,400	100	0.3%	-2,100	-6.1%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	6,300	6,400	6,600	-100	-1.6%	-300	-4.6%
Food Services and Drinking Places	26,000	25,800	27,800	200	0.8%	-1,800	-6.5%
Other Services	14,000	14,000	15,100	0	0.0%	-1,100	-7.3%
Total Government	30,400	27,200	32,400	3,200	11.8%	-2,000	-6.2%
Federal Government	2,600	2,000	2,000	600	30.0%	600	30.0%
State Government	3,700	3,700	4,100	0	0.0%	-400	-9.8%
Local Government	24,100	21,500	26,300	2,600	12.1%	-2,200	-8.4%
Local Government Educational Services	13,000	10,100	14,100	2,900	28.7%	-1,100	-7.8%

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

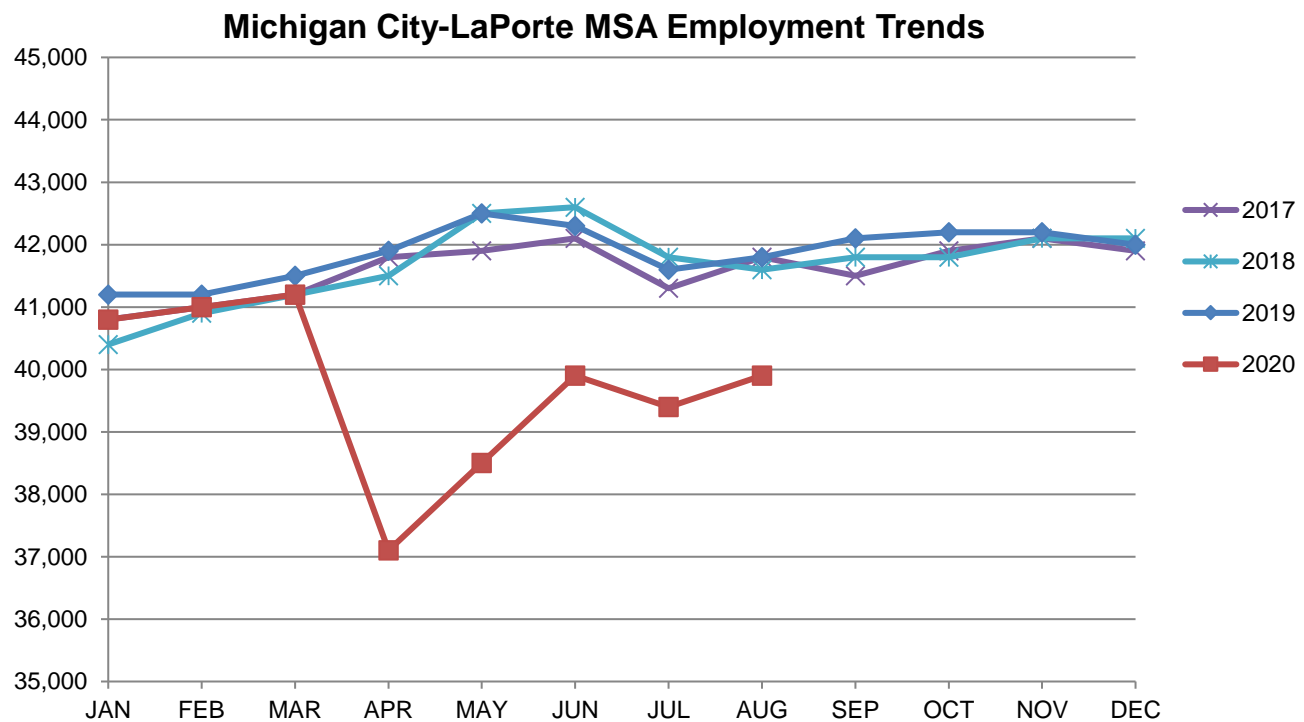
Gary Metropolitan Division Employment Trends



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data.

Michigan City-LaPorte MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	August 2020			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19	Jul-20 to Aug-20		Aug-19 to Aug-20	
Total Nonfarm	39,900	39,400	41,800	500	1.3%	-1,900	-4.6%
Total Private	34,000	33,800	35,500	200	0.6%	-1,500	-4.2%
Goods Producing	9,900	9,800	10,300	100	1.0%	-400	-3.9%
Service Providing	30,000	29,600	31,500	400	1.4%	-1,500	-4.8%
Private Service Providing	24,100	24,000	25,200	100	0.4%	-1,100	-4.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	7,800	7,700	8,200	100	1.3%	-400	-4.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	8,400	8,400	8,000	0	0.0%	400	5.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	4,800	4,800	5,000	0	0.0%	-200	-4.0%
Information	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	0.0%	-100	-7.7%
Professional and Business Services	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	0.0%	100	3.9%
Education and Health Services	5,400	5,500	5,800	-100	-1.8%	-400	-6.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,900	4,700	5,800	200	4.3%	-900	-15.5%
Other Services	1,300	1,300	1,500	0	0.0%	-200	-13.3%
Total Government	5,900	5,600	6,300	300	5.4%	-400	-6.4%
Federal Government	300	200	200	100	50.0%	100	50.0%
State Government	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government	3,300	3,100	3,800	200	6.5%	-500	-13.2%
Local Government Educational Services	1,600	1,400	1,800	200	14.3%	-200	-11.1%

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Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 1 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Production Workers, All Other
2	Correctional Officers and Jailers
3	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
4	Nursing Assistants
5	Registered Nurses
6	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
7	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
8	Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
9	Bus Drivers, School or Special Client
10	Customer Service Representatives
11	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
12	Helpers--Production Workers
13	Security Guards
14	Therapists, All Other
15	Cashiers
16	Financial Specialists, All Other
17	Healthcare Support Workers, All Other
18	Retail Salespersons
19	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers
20	Managers, All Other

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Production Workers, All Other	3,505
Helpers--Production Workers	3,426
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,722
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	2,609
Cashiers	2,178
Customer Service Representatives	1,988
Office Clerks, General	1,331
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1,307
Managers, All Other	1,171
Retail Salespersons	1,093
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	1,087
Construction Laborers	1,086
Receptionists and Information Clerks	1,016
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	956
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	955
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	928
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	924
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	890
Nursing Assistants	871
Carpenters	848

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to August 2020 from						
CPI Item	Aug-19	Jul-20	Aug-19	Jul-20	Aug-19	Jul-20
	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IN-IL-WI		U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	1.0%	0.1%	1.3%	0.3%	1.1%	0.4%
Food & Beverages	2.6%	-0.5%	4%	0.1%	2.9%	-0.3%
Housing	2.1%	0.3%	2.1%	0.2%	2%	0.3%
Apparel	-8.8%	0.4%	-5.9%	1.8%	-7.7%	1.2%
Transportation	-3.9%	0.8%	-4.1%	0.8%	-3.4%	1.2%
Medical Care	3.9%	-0.2%	4.5%	0.1%	4.3%	0.5%
Recreation	1.8%	0.1%	1.3%	0.6%	0.7%	0.5%
Education & Communication	-0.1%	0.0%	2.3%	0.4%	2.7%	0.4%
Other Goods & Services	0.6%	-0.1%	2.2%	-0.2%	1.7%	-0.7%

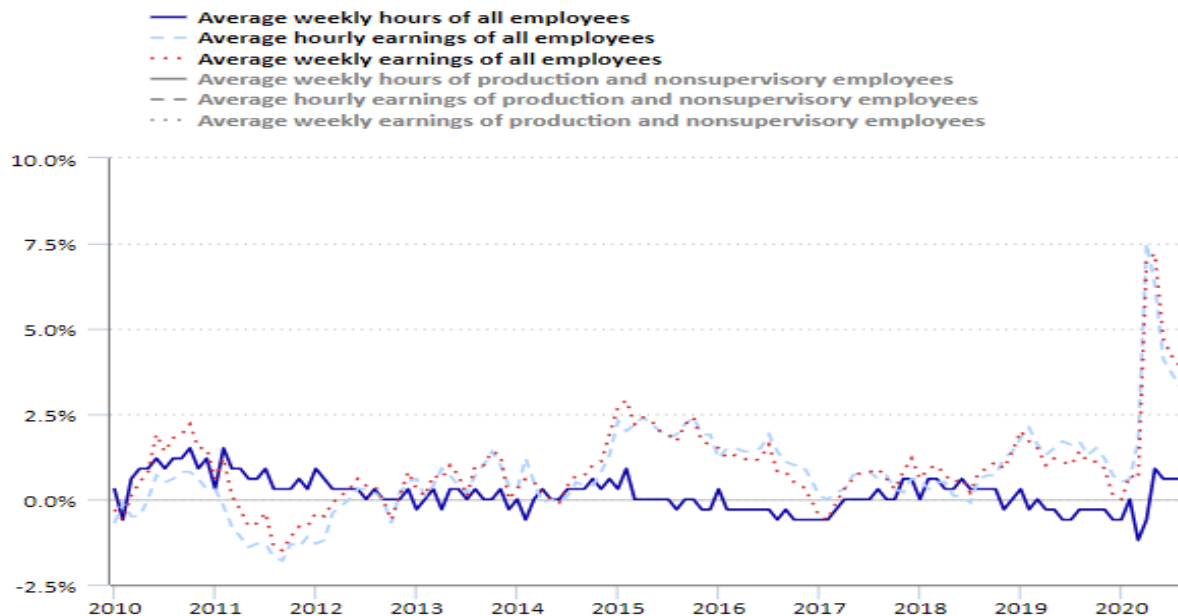
*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin | Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Real weekly earnings up 3.9 percent for year ended August 2020

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Real average hourly earnings increased 3.3 percent from August 2019 to August 2020. The change in real average hourly earnings combined with an increase of 0.6 percent in the average workweek resulted in a 3.9-percent increase in real average weekly earnings over this period. The increases in real average hourly and weekly earnings largely reflect the substantial job loss over the year among lower-paid workers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts to contain it.

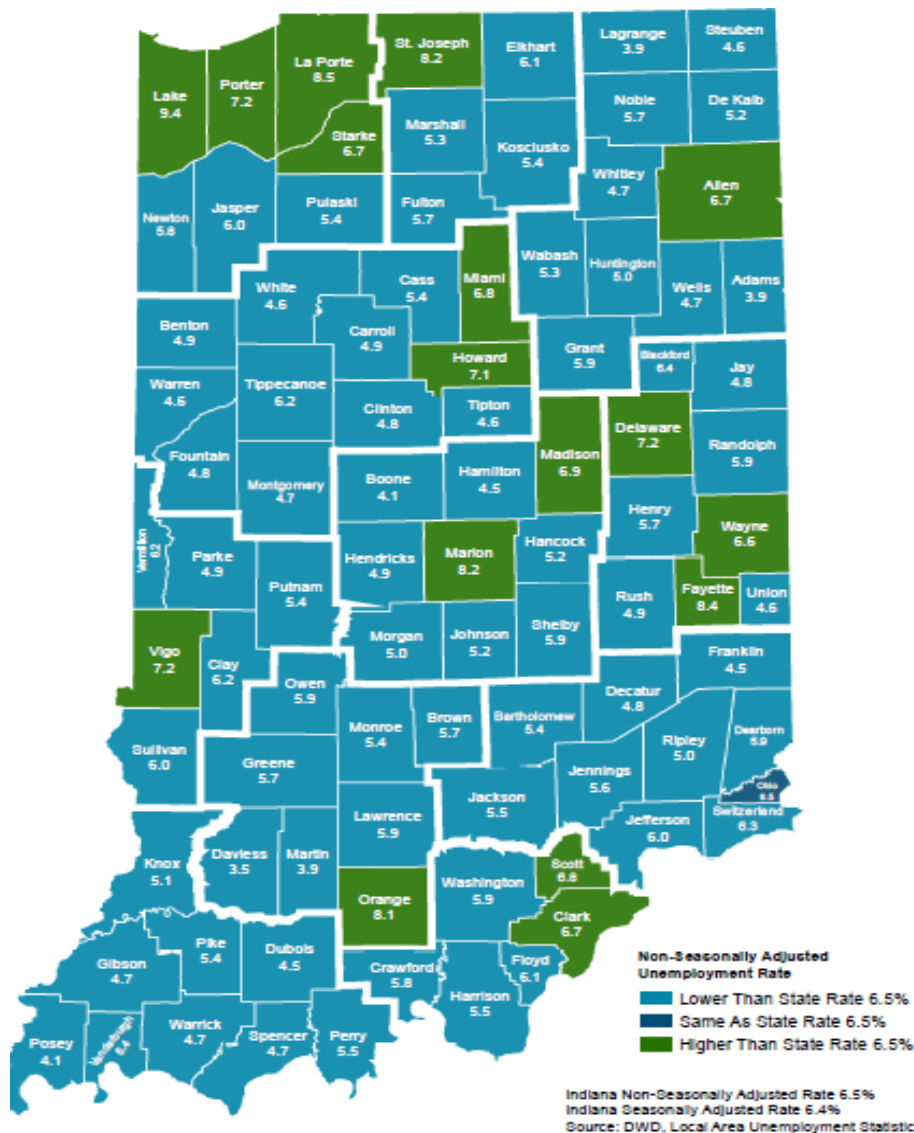
12-month percent change in real average weekly hours, hourly and weekly earnings, private sector employees, seasonally adjusted



From August 2019 to August 2020, real average hourly earnings increased 3.5 percent for production and nonsupervisory employees. The change in real average hourly earnings combined with a 1.2-percent increase in the average workweek resulted in a 4.7-percent increase in real average weekly earnings over this period.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economics Daily*, Real weekly earnings up 3.9 percent for year ended August 2020 on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2020/real-weekly-earnings-up-3-point-9-percent-for-year-ended-august-2020.htm>

County Unemployment Rates August 2020 - Non Seasonally Adjusted



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